Education and Research (IISERs) and 2 Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs). There are schemes in the XI Plan for incentivising the States to create new universities. A total provision of Rs. 84,943 crore has been made in the XI Plan for strengthening higher education.

Rules for deemed university status

†180. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for grant of deemed university status to educational institutions;

(b) the number of deemed universities at present;

(c) the number of educational institutions granted the deemed university status during the last five years and the number of non-Government universities, out of that;

(d) how many deemed universities out of them do not fulfil the required conditions and the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure fulfilment of all the conditions by the deemed universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Applications from institutions for declaration as institution deemed to be university, under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, are considered on the basis of the provisions contained in the UGC guidelines in this regard.

(b) and (c) As per information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), as on 01.10.2008, there are 116 institutions which have been declared deemed to be universities. During the last 5 years, 56 institutions have been so declared, 45 of which are managed by private trusts/societies.

(d) and (e) While no institution is declared a deemed to be university without the express recommendations of the UGC, in regard to fulfilment of the required conditions laid down in the Commission's Guidelines, institutions which have potential for teaching and research in innovative areas of knowledge with promise of excellence are also considered for grant of status under the *de-novo* category with certain exemptions available to them in accordance with the UGC guidelines and subject to periodical review by Expert Committees constituted by the Commission. Out of 12 institutions declared deemed to be universities under the *de-novo* category, 11 declarations have been made in the last 5 years.

New colleges in backward districts

†181. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has completed the process of selecting of new colleges in 373 backward districts; if so, the number of new colleges likely to be opened in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Bihar and by when;

(b) whether the new colleges would be opened as centres of excellence;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on each new college and the percentage of expenditure to be shared by the Centre and the States;

(d) whether this matter was discussed in the conference of the Education Ministers held in July, 2008; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the new colleges are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) In the XI Five Year Plan, a scheme for setting up new degree colleges of excellence in 374 districts identified by the UGC on the basis of lower than the national Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER). The number of such districts in each State is as follow:- Chhattisgarh (15), Madhya Pradesh (39), Uttarakhand (2), Orissa (18), Himachal Pradesh (4), Haryana (7), Punjab (13) and Bihar (25).

(c) The capital cost per college is estimated to be Rs.8.00 crores, of which the Central Share is proposed to be one-third, and the balance to be met by State Government/ State University either on its own or with not-for-profit private participation.

(d) Yes, Sir. Some States felt that Central assistance could be routed through the UGC to the State Universities for setting up constituent colleges of such universities, while some other States were in favour of assistance to be released to the State Governments as a Centrally sponsored scheme.

(e) Establishment of colleges is spread over the XIth Plan period, upto 2012.

Suicides due to exam stress

182. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the record of National Crime Records Bureau, 648 students committed suicide in Uttar Pradesh due to exam related stress;

(b) whether Government is aware that cases of suicide are increasing among 10th and 12th standard students in all parts of country;

(c) if so, what has been done by Government to save these young and precious lives;

(d) whether the Ministry has done any study on stress level of students and suggested any means; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?